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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Ishwar (I. B.) Patel

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 13, 14, 19, 20, 23, 27, 28, 33-35 and 37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 14, 19, 20, 23, 27, 28, 33-35, 37 and 313 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 June 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/25/17.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Election/Restrictions***

1. Applicant's election without traverse of group I, specie II, claims 1-5 in the reply filed on January 17, 2007 is acknowledged.

### ***Claim Objections***

2. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following: Regarding claim 5, the recitation "one of the insulating resin compositions placed at front and rear outermost layers of the connection board is or both of them are mainly made of thermoplastic resin" is confusing. The base claim 1 recites an insulating resin composition layer formed of one layer or two layer or more layers. If it is made of one layer, the structure of front and rear outermost layers as recited in claim 5 is not clear.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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4. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Suzuki (US Patent No. 6,518,514).

**Regarding claim 1**, Suzuki in figure 2 and 3A-3E, discloses a connection board comprising an insulating resin composition layer (208) formed of one layer or two or more layers (see figure) and a connection conductor (209) which is formed so as to pass through the insulating resin composition layer in its thickness direction at least at a position where a conductor circuit is connected.

**Regarding claim 2**, Suzuki further discloses a conductor circuit (circuit formed on the insulating layer, see figure 3C and 3E), which is electrically connected to the connection conductor for at least one surface of the connection board.

**Regarding claim 3**, Suzuki further discloses the conductor circuit is a metallic layer (copper foil, column 8, line 37).

**Regarding claim 4**, Suzuki further discloses an exposed portion of the connection conductor is covered with metal (see figure 3C, 3E).

**Regarding claim 5**, Suzuki further discloses one of the insulating resin compositions placed at front and rear outermost layers of the connection board is or both of them are mainly made of thermoplastic resin (the organic resin layers are made of thermoplastic resin, column 6, line 21-23).

### ***Conclusion***

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Parker (US Patent No. 6,303,881) in figure 1 and 2 discloses a connector with connection conductor (18) pass through insulating resin composition with connection conductor covered with metal (30).

Andou (US Patent No. 6,197,407) in figure 1 discloses a connector with connection conductor (105) pass through insulating resin composition (102) with connection conductor covered with metal (107).

Nishii (US Patent No. 6,518,515) in figure 1F discloses a connector with connection conductor (17) pass through insulating resin composition (11) with connection conductor covered with metal (18).


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ishwar (I. B.) Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272 1933. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30 - 5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on (571) 272 1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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